

## LOCAL NEWS.

MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 28, 1895.

Sun rises to-morrow at 7:03; and sets at 5:57. High water 10:13 a. m. and 10:27 p. m.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this section rain or snow; warmer; northeasterly winds.

COUNTY COURT.—Judge D. M. Chichester presiding.—The January term of the County Court began to-day.

Judge Chichester, in his charge to the grand jury, said that on this occasion he would carry somewhat from former charges. Nine years ago when he became judge of the court, he found the docket lumbered up with cases from murder to that of petit larceny. The court had worked assiduously and disposed of them all, and up to a short time ago the docket had been comparatively small. Now the bulk of the criminal cases were brought against parties who were not residents of the county nor of the State of Virginia—people who were brought before the court for violating our laws. This was a singular case of affairs. It was never intended originally that Alexandria county should be a separate organization. It had been tossed by the State to the general government, and in turn tossed back to Virginia, and at this time the law officers were perplexed to determine how to keep out of its territory the criminal cases. He had tried to remedy the matter, but with indifferent success, and said it was mainly due to the fact that certain officers had failed to do their duty. He had at times appointed special officers for the purpose of preserving law and order, but had subsequently found they were paid by the very lawbreakers they were supposed to prevent carrying on their unlawful acts. They had, of course, been removed when the facts were made known. It was singular that the people of Alexandria county allowed these things to go on, and that no one would make a movement toward suppressing them. It was his duty to try the cases brought before him, and it was high time for some one to make complaint of the unlawful acts being committed every day within the jurisdiction of the county. Congress, in its wisdom, had passed an anti-gambling law, and every one in the District of Columbia who desires to engage in that pastime now crosses the river into Virginia in order to indulge in it, and as a consequence Jackson City and the entire river country are crowded with lawless men. There was more defiance of law in the little tract comprising Alexandria county than in any area of like dimension in the State of Virginia. These were facts for the jury to consider—facts which were crying shams. A few years ago he had, for good reasons, closed all the saloons in the county, seeing no use in a small, sparsely-settled tract of country sandwiched between two cities, but the Legislature of Virginia, by its excess act, had opened them and disorder and murder had followed. The Legislature had also altered a charter which intended to allow any such thing in a manner so as to permit horse racing—so as to render gambling easy. Two race tracks had sprung up immediately and are still being promoted. The judge said he had been promoted by the Governor to break up these places, but that only by the order obtained from that quarter was in the Governor signing the excess bill together with the one allowing horse racing. The Governor had sent troops to remove the Coxeyites from our borders, while a whole more injurious than the Coxeyites were allowed to invade the State and carry on their questionable and unlawful commerce without let or hindrance. The Governor, it is true, had made a show of attempting to stop winter racing, but the judge saw no difference in horse racing whether it be in summer or in winter. It was not the noblest thing of our forefathers and was not inaugurated for the purpose of bringing about perfection in horse flesh, as is urged, and he appealed to the jury if such stock are any better now than in days of yore. If anything, he said, there was better stock then than now. The Governor, Attorney-General and an array of legal talent had made war against winter racing and had been met by a day of talent on the other side, and as Jones & Co., at Alexandria Island, had graciously agreed to cease racing during February—the shortest month in the year. Book-making was carried on in the St. Asaph track all the year round in the face of the understood fact that such should not be done save only when races were actually run. Now, it made no difference whether a son was ruined at St. Asaph or Alexandria Island track, and if bookmaking was unlawful at one it was equally so at the other. Some of the parties should be brought to justice and this defiance of law stopped, and the judge hoped the jury would give these matters serious consideration and not allow Alexandria county any longer to have such blot on her history. The movement, he said, was designed to save the young, the old being set in their ways and joined to their idols.

The grand jury returned the following: Robt. Simmons and John Barles, indicted for promoting policy; a true bill. Those Craven, indicted for the murder of Benben Miles; not a true bill. Isaac Butler, for gambling and promoting lottery; true bills. Harry Candler, for selling liquor on Sunday, without license, for promoting lottery, and permitting gambling on his premises; true bills. J. H. Lawson, indicted for breaking and entering a house; not a true bill. The jury recommended that Justices Lane and Reese and the District Attorney be removed from office for unlawfully arresting persons, trying cases and ill treating prisoners. The judge took the matter under advisement.

The grand jury then was discharged. C. H. Burroughs vs. Thos. Atkins, attachment, quashed and judgment for plaintiff. The case of William Williams vs. Thos. Atkins, guardian of Arthur Buchanan, was also granted letters of administration upon the estate of Josephine Buchanan, deceased. W. N. Feibrey, Frank Williams and Richard Norris were appointed appraisers of the estate of E. Clements, deceased, upon the petition of E. Clements, who was admitted to practice in this court. W. P. Lockwood applied for a certificate of character to enable him to apply for examination to practice law. Thos. A. Veitch was appointed assistant assessor for the county by reason of many subdivisions of land recently made there. The petit jury was adjourned until Friday, February 28th. Court adjourned until Thursday.

POLICE COURT.—Mayor Strauss presiding.—The following cases were disposed of this morning: Thomas Henry, arrested by Officer Hayes charged with fighting, was fined \$3. Martha Gains, arrested by Officer Hall charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$3. French Ross, colored, arrested by Officer Hall charged with disorderly conduct, forfeited \$5 collateral. Richard Parker, colored, arrested by Officer Griffin charged with disorderly conduct, was dismissed. Hattie Cockery, colored, arrested by Officer Griffin charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$3. Alfonso Arrington, arrested by Officer Griffin charged with assaulting and beating Charles King, was fined \$2.50. Samuel Johnson, colored, arrested by Officers Ferguson and Beach, charged with assaulting and beating Martha Stokes, was fined \$5, and the woman was fined \$3 for indecent conduct. Georgianna Washington, colored, charged with aiding a fugitive from justice to escape was fined \$5. Samuel Johnson, colored, charged with indecent conduct, was fined \$5.

Night Report.—Last night was clear and partly cloudy. Five prisoners and nineteen lodgers were at the station house.

It is reported that Messrs. Poss, Langley and Arnold, who were arrested last week charged with stealing a set of harness from the store of Mr. Edward Lawler, will sue the city for false imprisonment and defamation of character.

## THE RACE TRACKS.

A letter from Washington to the Richmond Times says:

"The management of the Virginia Jockey Club, at St. Asaph, is busy making preparations for its first regular spring meeting. The track and grounds of the association are being improved and beautified. The 'infield' has been sown in grass, trees and shrubbery planted, the driveways connected and the buildings freshly painted. St. Asaph in its new spring dress will be a thing of beauty and the handsomest and best equipped racing park south of New York. Secretary McIntyre, who is also the secretary of the Brooklyn Jockey Club, has been on the grounds for several days, arranging the preliminaries of his department. Fourteen stake races will be run during the coming meeting.

A letter from Washington to the New York Sun says: "It was thought Friday night that the representatives of the Virginia and Old Dominion Jockey Clubs had settled everything in regard to the two tracks compromising, but later Secretary Tompkins stated that there has been some trouble about the racing days. The Virginia Jockey Club wants to race fifteen days at a time, to commence on March 4, then stop, and let the Old Dominion people have fifteen days. The latter are not satisfied with this arrangement and want to race on alternate days. A meeting will be held in a few days, and it is expected that the matter will be arranged satisfactorily to both clubs.

It was stated in the GAZETTE last week that Mr. H. D. McIntyre had sold his interest in the personality at the St. Asaph track. A dispatch from Washington to the New York Herald says: "The principal stockholders of the Virginia Jockey Club held a meeting at Alexandria Saturday, and Mr. H. D. McIntyre sold out his interest to Mr. Zora Hill. At a late hour that night it was rumored in sporting circles here that Mr. Thomas F. Egan would also dispose of the stock held by him, and that Mr. John C. Carr might be the purchaser of it. The recent visits of Messrs. Carr and Denny McLaughlin point to the fact that both gentlemen will interest themselves in the future meetings at St. Asaph. The general opinion prevails here that, should all the old members of the St. Asaph Club dispose of their stock, the Virginia Jockey Club might break loose and run its meetings with a foreign book at its grounds."

It is said in Washington that the withdrawal of Mr. Kirk will be next in order, leaving Mr. J. M. Hill, of the original organizers, chief in control, with J. C. Carr as the active manager. These changes are significant, and would seem to indicate first, that the racing situation in New York has taken on a more hopeful aspect. As for St. Asaph itself, there seems to be but one interpretation to the change of management, and that is that the track will be run on independent lines, and not under the jurisdiction of Jockey Club or Turf Congress. The foreign book is an exceedingly profitable adjunct to a race track, and in addition to this fact there is room for doubt as to whether a sufficient number of horses in good standing with the Jockey Club could be brought to St. Asaph to participate in a spring meeting under its auspices. The men supposed to be in control of the destinies of the Virginia Jockey Club have been keeping very quiet for the past few days, but it is expected that during the present week they will make their appearance for the purpose of perfecting the agreement with the Old Dominion Club as to dates, when perhaps something will be learned regarding their intentions.

A letter from Richmond says: "There has been much talk lately about annexing Alexandria county to the District of Columbia. The Washington people are said to be largely in favor of the proposition. One reason why they desire to acquire this territory is to break up the lawlessness that exists on the Virginia side of the Potomac. It is said that the officers of Alexandria county are unable to cope with the evil. Mr. Samuel G. Brent, a prominent lawyer of Alexandria, who was here Thursday, said the citizens of the territory on this side of the river are overwhelmingly opposed to annexation and the scheme will certainly not be carried out any time in the near future. There is no doubt of the fact that the legislature will have a lively subject to tackle in seeking to enact laws to put down the alleged lawlessness in Alexandria county."

REV. J. I. VANCE.—A telegram from Norfolk says: "Rev. James I. Vance, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city, severed his pastoral relations with that church last night, having accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church in Nashville, Tenn., to succeed Rev. Dr. Jere Witherspoon, who went to a church in Baltimore. Mr. Vance came to the First church here from Alexandria about three years ago to succeed the venerable Dr. George D. Armstrong, who, by reason of his advanced age, resigned, after a pastorate of forty years. During his stay in this city, Mr. Vance has largely increased the membership of the First church. His salary here was \$2,750 and a manse; in Nashville it will be \$3,600 and a manse. The salary, however, Mr. Vance says, did not enter into the question of his acceptance of the call to Nashville; that he is going because that city is a larger field for pastoral labors. Mr. Vance is a man of signal ability and his congregation here part with him with sincere regret. The church to which he goes in Nashville is the largest one in the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—A dispatch from Danville gives the following account of the railroad accident at Chatham, on Friday night, mention of which was made in the GAZETTE on Saturday: "Friday night fast freight No. 41, on the Virginia Midland division of the Southern Railway, ran into a local while the latter was standing on the main track at Chatham. The engine of the fast freight is almost a complete wreck, while twelve box cars, loaded with different kinds of merchandise, were knocked into kindling wood, and merchandise scattered in every direction. The engineer of the freight stuck to his engine, but escaped. The fireman jumped and also escaped. The debris caught fire and some of it burned. The hose company of Chatham responded and prevented a serious conflagration. The loss will be from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

There is a project on foot in Washington to establish a race track in the District without bookmaking at the track. It is proposed to telegraph the results to bookmakers beyond the District line.

MISS KNOXVILLE'S CASE.—Mr. K. Kemper, Superintendent of Public Schools, on Saturday wrote a note to Miss Estella V. Knoxville suggesting that, in view of the reports concerning her, it would be unwise for her to assume charge of her school until the matter was definitely settled by the City School Board. Miss Knoxville, however, appeared in Washington School building this morning for the purpose of assuming her duties and was met by the Superintendent who again suggested that she allow the school to remain in charge of a substitute teacher until after the meeting of the School Board and told her that he had so written her. Miss Knoxville said she had not received his letter and that if she had she would not have appeared in the school building. She asked the Superintendent if he wanted her resignation and was told that was a matter which rested with her, but insisted that she should not take charge of the school until her case was properly disposed of. Miss Knoxville assented and Miss Finch, a substitute teacher, was placed in charge. Miss Knoxville in an interview with a reporter for the GAZETTE said she believed Rollow to have been an unmarried man up to the middle of last month, that he had followed her about, had often come to this city and waited around Washington school building for her to come out, and that he had told people here that he intended marrying her during the Christmas holidays. When she was informed of Rollow's true character she immediately discarded him.

FOR THE POOR.—At a meeting of ladies of the various churches held at Mrs. Dr. Jones's this morning it was determined to make a general appeal to the citizens to donate money, groceries, clothes, etc., to the poor of the city to be disbursed through committees chosen from the societies of each church. Mr. Simpson kindly loaned his hall on King street, next door to Creighton's drug store, to receive such articles as will be sent. There will be a committee of ladies to receive the articles, etc., and an investigating committee to dispense them to those who are really in need. Many of the families of the mechanics who have been out of employment are suffering for the necessities of life, are too proud to beg and are in need of help. Let all the citizens combine and make one grand effort to alleviate the suffering in our midst. On the last occasion of a subscription a large number of families were supplied with food and groceries, although doubtless some mistakes were made and some worthless characters assisted; in the majority of cases real good was done and those in charge tried conscientiously to fulfill their duty. Simpson's hall will be open every day this week from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. and ladies will be there to receive donations. Any and everything is acceptable. Let every one send something; no matter how small, somebody needs it.

AN ALEXANDRIAN IN TROUBLE.—Harvey Sealeman, of this city, was arrested in Washington Saturday night charged with stealing a watch from a man named Frazier. The two men were near the Rawlings statue. Frazier was drunk and it is said Sealeman broke his watch from his chain and put it into his own pocket. A bystander, an ex-reporter, arrested both men and took them to the station house, where he charged Sealeman with robbing Frazier. The accused protested his innocence and said he was in the act of taking Frazier to his hotel when the watch dropped and he put it in his own pocket with the intention of giving it to the owner when he got him to his room. At the solicitation of a friend Sealeman was allowed to return to his home in this city. Frazier in the meantime had stated that Sealeman had no intention of taking his watch.

OPERA HOUSE.—The St. Louis Examiner says of Guy Brothers Minstrels who appear here to-morrow night: One of the best, if not the best, minstrel troupes which has ever held the boards at the Opera House was that of Guy Bros. A hum of surprise welled up from the audience when the opening scene was revealed. The spectacle was a most brilliant one. All the solos were excellent and the jokes were new, bright and mirth-provoking. The Guy Bros. have selected the personnel of their troupe this season, with the idea of making it the best on the road.

PERSONAL.—Miss Lue Chauncey has issued cards for a reception to be held at her home, on south Fairfax street, Thursday night—her birthday. Mr. Frederick Burrill has removed, with his family, to Washington.

Mr. R. H. Warden was quite badly hurt by a fall Saturday.

The Misses Miltstead entertained a number of their friends at a very pleasant party given at their home, near Accotink, on Thursday night.

CRAVEN DISCHARGED.—The case of Thomas Craven, who killed Reuben Miles at Jackson City on Christmas eve night last, came up before the grand jury in the County Court to-day. The jury in a short time returned not a true bill to the indictment, so Craven, who had been out on bail, was discharged and his bondsmen were also discharged from further obligation. It is understood that the grand jury considered that Craven acted in self defence when he killed Miles.

THE MAIL CONTRACT.—It was reported to-day that Mr. Henry Phillips, who bid for carrying the mails between the postoffice and the trains was \$700, had been given the contract for such work in place of Presley Diggs, who had declined to accept the contract. Postmaster Carlin, however, stated this morning that the matter had not yet been settled and it was possible that bids for carrying the mails would again be asked for.

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge J. K. M. Norton presiding.—J. J. Nugent vs. Ellen Murphy, unlawful detainer; judgment for plaintiff.

In the case of Giles Payne vs. Albert Stewart, colored, a rule was issued requiring defendant to employ counsel.

The criminal cases are set for to-morrow.

PROPERTY SALES.—Lizzie Neumeyer has sold to G. R. Klipstein two houses and lots on the east side of West street, between Queen and Princess.

A. J. Hecker has sold to William Watson a house on Wolfe street, between Alfred and Patrick, for \$400.

ITS EXCITING TIMES NOW. CLEARING UP AND CLOSING OUT. GOODS HAVE LOST THEIR VALUE.—Its room we want. The time of our annual round up sale is at hand. Opportunities like these do not come again. This sale goes on record on MONDAY, January 23. "There are others but none like this." No matter what former values we may have had these over reach them all. Be quick in seizing these values. Don't console yourself with the thought that some other day will do it. It might not. Quickness of decision means quickness of possession.

8c Indigo Blue Prints, 47c. 6c Light Prints, 37c. Simpson Gray, Mourning and Black Prints, 57c. 6c Fast Black Prints, 47c. 8c Apron Gingham, 57c. 6c Apron Gingham, 47c. 12c Dress Gingham, 67c. 12c Dress Plaids, 77c. 10c Outing, 6c. Androsogin L 4-4 Bleached Cotton, 57c. Fruit of the Loom 4-4 Bleached Cotton, 67c. Wamsutta 4-4 " " 9c. Pride of the West 4-4 " " 9c. New York Mills 4-4 " " 9c. 6c Bleached 4-4 Cotton, 47c. 8c " 4-4 " 6c. 6c Unbleached 4-4 " 47c. 8c " 4-4 " 57c. 25c 10-4 Bleached Sheet, 15c. 23c 10-4 Brown Sheet, 14c. 35c Dress Goods, 7c. 50c " 35c. 7c White Plaid Goods, 47c. 10c " " 67c. 6c India Linen, 47c. 10c " " 77c. 12c " " 77c. 20c " 15c. \$3.00 10-4 White Blankets, \$1.69. \$4.50 11-4 " \$2.99. 5c Crash, 4c. 6c " bleached or unbleached, 47c. 10c Good Fast Black Sateen, 77c. 12c Sateen All Colors and Figured, 97c. 40c All-wool White or Red Flannel, 25c. 12c Extra Wide Canton Flannel, 77c. 10c Twill Cotton, 77c. Cheese Cloth all colors, 37c. 5-4 Table Oil Cloth all colors (the best), 15c. 25c Red Table Damask, 13c. 25c Gents' Suspenders, 14c. 50c Gents' Ties, 24c. 10c Ladies' Misses' and Gents' Hose, 6c. \$5 Ladies' Coats, to close, \$1.99. 5c Serim, 4c. 10c Sateen all colors, 77c. 6c Cambrics all colors, 47c. 12c Canvas all colors, 8c. 12c Wigan all colors, 8c. Leno's, 7c. Grass Linen, black or drab, 10c. Whalebone Casing, 6c a piece. Finishing Braids (3 yards), 5c a piece. Whalebones, 6c a dozen. Covered Stays, 4c a dozen. Best Spool Silk, 3c. Best Spool Twist, 14c. Best Embroidery Silk, 7c a dozen. Smith's Best Needles, 3c a paper. Best Sewing Machine, 14 rows, 1c. 10c Best English Pins, 4c. 5c Star Brand, 3c. "Tape," 1c. 6c Long Hooks and Eyes, 37c a dozen. Best Spool Thread (200 yds. Jarbours), 7c. Best Spool Thread (100 yards), 4c. 10c Hair Ornaments, 5c. 25c Home-made Cotton Knit Socks, 15c. 25c Gingham Aprons, 13c. \$1.50 All-wool Jerseys, 49c. 50c Jerseys, 16c. 12c Barley Towels, large, 8c. 12c Gents' Hemstitched Fancy Handkerchiefs, 6c. 25c Seamless Mattings (talk of the town), 12c.

We really don't leave you any pretext for going elsewhere. We will save you the interest on your money many times.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Snow began falling again this evening. The Sisters of Mercy will not build on their late purchase at Falls Church this year.

Mr. W. P. Graves during the cold weather of last week very kindly distributed soap and bread to the poor of his neighborhood.

A Capitol police officer was struck by a cable car in Washington near the corner of the avenue and Seventh street on Saturday night and badly hurt.

Lewis Madella, colored, aged 74 years, and who had been an inmate at the almshouse for 30 years, died there last night. He was paralyzed several years ago.

The weather yesterday was bright but rather cool. The churches were well attended and services were conducted according to the announcements made on Saturday.

The cold weather and ice prevented the Philadelphia steamer from resuming her trips on Saturday. The steamer Randall yesterday resumed her trips to the lower river landings.

The ladies of St. Hilda's Chapter, Daughters of the King, desire to express their sincere thanks to all those who so kindly assisted them with their help and donations on Friday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.

A man and woman who said they were Mr. and Mrs. Bradley took board at Mrs. Hudson's, on King street near Alfred, last Thursday. Last night the man vanished, leaving the woman penniless. He left a note stating that the woman could apply to her relatives for relief.

The actions of a young woman who on Saturday tried to enter several drug stores on King street, but was prevented from doing so by her husband, caused some commotion. It was said that the young woman was so distressed concerning the actions of her husband that she wanted to buy laudanum with which to end her troubles.

Smoke from the chimney of a house on Lee street, between Franklin and Jefferson, about one o'clock yesterday, caused a fire alarm which brought out the entire fire department. The alarm about 8:30 o'clock last night was caused by smoke issuing from the green house of Mr. J. Wallace Hoff, near the corner of Prince and St. Asaph streets.

The electric railway company has finished laying the turnout at the corner of King and Payne streets and as soon as the weather will permit the paving at the corner will be commenced. The company has not yet obtained permission from the Pennsylvania Company to put in the crossings at King and Henry and King and Fayette streets.

At the meeting of Falls Church Lodge of Odd Fellows on Thursday night two applications were received and the degrees of the order conferred on Mr. E. C. Garrett, of Herndon. The contest on perfection in the unwritten work of the order will close next Thursday night. Past Grand Master D. R. Stansbury and Past Grand W. D. Zimmerman, of Alexandria, have been selected as judges and will be present.

FOR SALE. WOOD BURNING SOAPSTONE STOVE. Apply at J. H. MANSFIELD'S, Jan 23 1w Stove Store, 513 King Street.

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